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LU5HFI/Fred - W9SZR

GETTING forgetful in my old age I guess - cant remember if I have sent one of these to you or not this past week while I've been getting them out - but in this case would rather err on the safe side and send two than none at all.

ANYWAY Here's No.1 BULL - "Kickoff" for 75/76 DXing season!!

BUT "Special Mission" of this page is to most sincerely thank you for your part in the suprise WLB/160/AWARD this summer. ****See Below**** -- While I really did not deserve su h wonderful recognition, I do have to admit that it sure does "WARM THE COCKLES OF THE HEART" of this OM (91) to be so kindly remembered!! BUT I do not forget that my greatest REward is in knowing and working with such a fine fellow as yourself, and others, in this GRAND Hobby of ours, especially 160!! I am most proud of your signature in my lovely BOOK, and that **BALL BEARING** key should "Roll-In" the future 160 DX for me!! Fred om - THANKYOU so very very much for everything.

SEE 82 HOPE your activities will allow some operating on the HAM bands.

CONGRATULATIONS again on your own wonderful AWARD!! 73 de Stew/WLB

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WLB ---- 160 METER DX BULLETIN ---- WLB

1975/1976 No.1

de WLB/Stew ---- CHEERS! SALUDOS!! BONGO!!! We're off to another 160/DX season - '75/'76. If the way the VEs hv bn cng thru 579cm/57x2 srb, this fall Equinox is any indication, it's going to be GREAT!! - Last, was 'best-Yet' fr BB. 62C/188Dx Stas. Nearest previous yr 46C/152Dx Stas. We'll see what the loosest sunspots ever do for 160 - should be MOST interesting! MUCH Dx already active:: G,PA,OK,VK,KH6,ZL,JAS,VS6,FY,EL,GM,KV4,KP4, Otrs -- many RARE ones expected, like KC4,VRI,VP2A,HDS, DU,VP2K,FG7,PI4-Trinidad,CE6. JA2GQ/Kinji with new HP Tx, especially trying for E/VEs. Lots of group and individual DXpeditioning. All Contests now cover 160. MUCH excitement! The special CC & ARRL 160 tests are "Superb"!! ANNUAL (Since 1932) TransATLANTIC & PACIFIC "First-Timer's" tests (NOT Contests) again. Special OE/160 Contest Nov 15/16. Many unexpected "Goodies", no doubt at all! The "regular" SUNDAY morning traditional DXing is MOST intriguing, 0000-0730s, producing many "new-ones" with "Thrills/Chills/Spills". MANY of the 'Boys' hv bn 'Sharpening up' their stas this summer - especially antennas, Tx, Rx, receiving techniques, etc. for the FUN! YEP, the outlook is GOOD!! SOOOooo... "Welcome-Aboard" and "Let's GO!!" ~~WLB & xyl Marguerite had a PERFECT 5 wks~~ "South-Pacific", cruise/fly trip. Tnx for many greetings, well wishes, etc!! ~~WLB is VERY~~ * Appreciative, though humble, for the wonderful AWARD for "Achievements on 160". A "Super", engraved PLAQUE with mounted BALL BEARING!! telegraph key, plus a beautiful, 2" thick, Red Morocco covered book, with close to 300 signatures and greetings from you, my 160 Dx friends, here, and all over the world!! Presented at a dinner at the "SHIP", Saugus, Mass. in July. W4HY/Baker, sponsor, handled the multitudinous details, doing a truly AMAZING job for you all, assisted by W9NFC/W2EQS/Chas. WLB didnt deserve this magnificent tribute for the happy times spent DXing/160 and working with all you good fellows. Nevertheless I'm very proud and happy about the whole deal!! Thanks a "Million"!!!! CONGRATULATIONS to W1TB/KV4FZ who has now made DXCC No.2 on 160!! #100 was T19DX, Apr22'75. All wkd since 1969! NOW who is NEXT?? The "DI-WINDOW" has been working fairly well, BUT we need the continued and Constant vigilance and cooperation of all to continue actively to "sell" the observance of this concept to all the Gang, non-DXers especially!!! Please!! This BULLETIN, issued FALL/WINTER/SRING, Free to all 160 DXers for an S.A.S.E.!! --Foreign, 3 INCs/Issns. TRANSEQUATORIAL tests this summer were fairly good - although bhey, and whole summer, plagued by unusually high QRM!! Paddy EI9J Co/sponsor with Rolf/FY1RO see Cndx poorer than 1st yr - like then he QSO'd ZF9AY 50 times, only ONCE this yr. AX4NY,EP2HQ,JY9TOC PYERO,PT9DM,ZPRU,CK3BH,KV4FZ,VS8NP, LU6EF,PJ2VD, Otrs active. New TransATLANTIC "MARKER" QSH41/44, Cn station abt 1831 m - (In addition to DHJ 1830) believe in Belgium - Checking. W8LRL is probably the most capable 160DX stn on air today. Superb Vertical 130' Trans Ant with VFB Ground screen/radials, plus MANY beverage (11 or 12) Rx ants, all out in wide open spaces free from man made QRM/noise/"Electronic-Smog"!! His 'record' proves it - 78C since SEP/'74 - CW & sng WACs - FIRSTS CT3,JY9,OH6,9LL? - CONGRATS HAL. (Has become Beverage expert for sure w/many tests!!) DXing 160 should be a wonderful vfb experience for us all, even with it's frustrations, QSB/QRM/QRM, fickleness, Noise, aurora - it is a real CHALLENGE, giving a rigorous "TEST" to HAM and equipment!! But the real satisfaction is in knowing and working with the VFB 'like-Minded' friends one finds on "Top-Band". 73 de Stew/WLB

43rd ANNUAL TransATLANTIC 75/76 160 Meter "FIRST TIMERS" DX TESTS !! Symbolic & reminiscent of the original "Crossings" of the Atlantic by radio sigs of MARGONI, DELOY, SCHNELL and GODLEY, 1901-1924. They hv bn FUN, also developing techniques on these L.F. & adding valuable info to the art. For MANY yrs they were practically ALL the TransATLANTIC DX there was!! ----- Recent yrs, with improved equip, equipment, techniques, etc., 160/DX is more commonplace & routine. The usefulness of these tests is questioned. ----- HOWEVER there's MUCH reluctance abt giving them up, entirely. They serve as an excellent vehicle and focus for NEW stns, who hv nvr wkld across the POND, to do so, and chalk up a real milestone in their radio career. These TESTS give the incentive and assistance needed. ----- THEREFORE they'll continue again this 75/76 season basically as "FIRST TIMERS" tests. ----- ALL "REGULARS", "Old-Timers", & "BIG GUNS", are respectfully requested, pss spend the test hours looking for and skg "FIRST TIMERS" only !! and doing all possible to help them!! The DATES are :: NOV 16, DEC 21, JAN 11, FEB 8. TIMES :: 0500-0730 gmt. FYS :: W/Ves 1800-1807. DX 1825-1830. PROCEDURES :: W/Ves call "CQ FT DX" or "FT DX" first 3 mins each 15 min period, starting on the hour. Then listen 12 mins fr answers, or "working". DX "First/Timers" ans W/Ves or call "CQ DX FT", or "Work" during their 12 min period. --- KEEP to the 3min & 12 Min periods all possible. SET CLOCKS accurately/WV. These are "TESTS", NOT Contests. REPORTS to W1BB. SUCCESS to "First/Timers" and FUN to the O.T.!!

SPECIAL 160 METER CONTESTS !! OE/AUSTRIAN -Sat Nov 15, 1800s to 0600 SUN NOV 16. Call CQ/OE. OEs 1823-1838, 1854-1873, 1879-1900. Exchange RST & Nr starting 001. Points, 1.QSO, MULT 2/OE Dist, OE1,2, etc. SCORE PtsxMult. "OEVSF" Award Cert & Pennant to Top Man Each Cntry. Logs 84 Dec 13 to 85 OE3VF. DONT FORGET CQ/WV/160, & ARRL/160 Annual 160 tests; CQ Jan 24/25. ARRL Dec 6/7. See Mags, full info.

EV4FZ/HEMB ABOUT HIS 160/DXCC Sez:: Wkg 100 was not easy, since didnt go in much for 'Skeds', or prearranged calling routines etc - just a lot of listening - a good QTH - excellent condx. Every C in NA wld except HP, FOS, KE4. Every C in SA except CE. Evry available Eu except Market Reef, LX, MLC21. No.100 was TI9DX April. Looked like wld nvr make it but sum real FB openings this yr and I made it"

BJ9/PADDY sez :: "74/75 season gud for all. More stns on due to FT10ls etc. ARRL/160 DX not best, but hrd K6UA/S6!! CQ/160 inter/Eu gud, but to W poor, except last few hrs FANTASTIC!! BEST ever!! Hv feeling more ssb in DX window becus often Gud W sigs he but no ant CQing wld raise em! (One way skip?)(QRN?) If cud move - INCON to 1800-05, then 1825-30 not 'bone of Contention'. I stay close LF of DHJ. (Sharp Rx needed to separate). Wkd 3 - 5s in row one nite. G3AAQ gg press for FCC 160/activity period. Missed ZP4Y, PY1RO sez wld 10 JAs (also interested in OSCAR!)! VFB Paddy - Tnx a lot - G.L.

CONGRATULATIONS MARTTI OH2BH - fr most unusual/unique IBM/Computer QSL Card!! W1BB Rec'd for ~~RECORD~~ OD5IQ/160 Q. In CQ/WV/DX 1974 Test Marti made single Tx/Multi Op WORLD RECORD, 3100 Qs, 4 million pts. Ops: OD5s, HC ET ND HF & Marti. KLPM/1 also Rec'd "Computer QSL". Martti, World's Record holder fr CQ/DX/CN&Phone TEST, gave us 160 boys sum "Words of Wisdom" when he advised us to use QSL more regularly. TRY it!! It works!! VFB Martti Saludos!! Is nw planning more exotic spots on 160!! Tnx/FB

SAD NEWS!! ARMIN/DL1FF BECOMES "SILENT KEY" MAR 10 '75 fr heart attack in hospital, per notification by his daughter BIRGIT. His equipment, certificates, logs etc given to DARC with assistance of DJ2KL. ARMIN was an ardent all-band HAM - but his special love was 160, and his signal and expertise were POTENT - he worked many ~~SSS~~ JAs his last few weeks. We'll all miss that familiar fist sending DL1FF so assuredly. May he rest in peace, and with "Happy Hamming" always!!

REFERENCE P4SHIP/Willea:: John/G3PQA (4W1AE, HP4BJI, VP9CT) visited Willea & xyl, Feb '75 - Sez: -- "Excellent QTH w/nearly perfect earth & "Take-Off", (On old Isl of ZEELAND), showed why his QRPing sigs so consistent. Ant semi vert end fed 1/2 Ave. Middleburg/Flushing towns are beautiful!! 5' below sea level - massive structures keep out sea water - no worry abt them keeping out storms - feels vy secure!!" Tnx John - Congrats/vfb Willea. That signal of yours SURE IS "Consistent".

P4RYS/Ger R1is ALSO "BELOW SEA LEVEL" in ZUIDERBEEG, Netherlands. 160 since 1974/DEC den fm HF, wld 22C w/10s & Inv Dipole fm 50' tower ovr well known Polderfields, typical Dutch, w/ground level 12' below sea level. EXCELLENT Grid system. Has SE/W Beverage. Wl try otrs. Welcoms to 160 - VFB on!!

CONGRATULATIONS FRED LAUN LU5HEL/193ZR on ur receiving US SECRETARYS AWARD FOR VALOR!!!! for for valiant performance and conduct on your part during and after terrorist kidnaping and shooting of you in CORDOBA, Argentina APR'74. We're all proud of you as can be!! NOW - back to 160!! b.c.m.u.

ALL SOLID STATE R1CER/DOUG :: (ARRL Tech Ed & 8P6EU/ZF1ST) After 22 yrs returned to 160 Feb'74 w/ Homemade all solid state equip. Tx per NOV/QST. Rx in JUL'74 QST. 55' tower top/loaded w/beam plus 95' Hor Wire & 11, 120' Radials, swampy area. Has ZF1ST/CAYMAN Oct'74 w/FT101-B & hopes for BARFADOS 8P6EU or IS this OCT. GREAT!! Nothing like "Keeping up with the times" !! CONGRATS Doug on:

SINCE EP284^{EP128} adopted PY1RO/GOLF's IDEa (Bottle of Champagne for each "New One") Harry's xyl Maureen doesn't think 160 DXing such a bad idea!! They "Toasted "New One", PJ2VD aftr CQ/160 test! GREAT!!

CONGRATULATIONS JY9FOC/"Ray"-POC 554 / Active "Off&On", esp fr TESTS did FB job giving out "New-Ones", esp to Eu's. Jan25/6 4X4NJ, EP2BQ, ST2AY, DJ5PH, many OEs, OH2BO, OH2VV, DL7HA, OH3TGB, DJ4TD, DJ6TK, OH5IQ, many Otrs. "BINGO"! Band opened to NA APB6, wld W68ZE/VEL, W68APH, W1HCT, W2DEO, vfb s/sigs mostly 579!! GREAT!! except (tears!) W1BB on SOUTH PACIFIC cruise & missed!! --MAY18th Q/WD5BEG. JUN21/22-P4PHIP, OH2BO, OEs, G3SZA, OLI and!! "At long last" Paddy EI9J!! Ray used EN2000, 75w, 286' LW. SORRY TO REPORT, Ray went QRT/ST9 SEPT & Retired back to G. land. No more exotic DX QTHs fr Ray. (BB remembers QSOing Ray fr ZD7RH 1966 fr C/89!!-Tax!). CONGRATS to Ray fr GRAND TRICK at JY9FOC.

K5JVP/DAVE "Hits The Jackpot" !!! -"Five NE: C in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 3 nights!!! 24JAN/G6CJ a "FIRST/EVER" OKIA/Sul!! - Q84BEG my 579!! JAN25/VP9BO, "Hoeray", Q8SV!! JAN26/CP1EU. #OH!! Biggest Thrill ever fr me on 160!! Afr 40yrs, thrills like this in life, fvs & far btwn! BIG weekend for OKIE!! CONGRATS!!

INDOMINATABLE SPIRIT/MIKE-GD4BEG JAN, Bad Auto Accident - lost lots blood, plus one eye! BUT!! was promptly BACK on 160 "Working DX as usual" --real admiration for you Mike. You have "Pluck" !! ST2AY/ROGER HAS DONE EXCELLENT JOB PUTTING SUDAN ON 160 DX MAP!! 1975 Qs 9L1, EP2, W1-2-3-4-8, PT, JA, VS6, JY9, 4X4, GD4, 4U1, GC3, HB9, OH3, PA6CW3, OE5, G, OK, De. Sez" Q w/JA6NGE noteworthy as 'opening' to JA was only abt 5 to 10 mins" !! To date 26C, 6Cont - Great Going!! (W1BB's No. 121C - Tax a "no" !!)

SOMETHING DIFFERENT - "MOBILE DX" on 160 - by WA/SGF/Ed, wld 17C, latest GD4BEG FEB16 579x2!!!!!! Ed sez it's easy & wms & fun!! CONGRATS!! ----- (K1PBB/Ernie 2 yrs ago mobiled across USA - wld sum WA/SA DX) ----- One nite Ed put down RADIALS from car while parked mobile, then started driving off home with them trailing - completly forgot them!! ----- AND!! K9ZUB/w-Tom is close to a ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "HAS-MOBILE" 2xPhone!! Needs only Mo. Ri.Vt.Del.SD.CAR.Ia.Nev.Cal.Ore.Mont.Utah.KL7.KH6. Can any one help him?? Tom Berry - 1637 W35th St Chicago, Ill.60609. Write him!! Wud be REAL "FIRST-EVER"!!

74/75 SEASON'S LAST "FIRST-TIMER'S" Transatlantic Test No.4 * Real Good! Fair to gud Condx. FIVE stns made their "First-Time" CROSSING. OK3BOM, OK3RTP, OK3RPT, OK1KM & G3YHA. CONGRATULATIONS!! Definitely proves tests worthwhile. Not listed, GD4BEG wld one W "First-Timer". (Lost his call).

ALAND ISL. DxPEDITION - CH1X2/s-JORM - (CQ/160 JAN75) VERY successful! Wms Sez; "Wld 1st over" W/OH4-W68APH. Also: W1BB, HGT, PL-K1PBB. W2LL-Ja2SPL, K4IRQ. Cld 20 otr #s bt nil. Otr DX wld: ST2, 4X4, EP2, KV4, VOL, VEL. First AK Cld W1BB&45RTQ both S9 ovr hr "Nil"!! Cld VS6DO-599, VK6HD-229, HC1KG-599, YV1OB/599, KZ5AA-569 for hours - "Nil". Hrd W6 & W7 vy weak. Fst nite dipole 30' high -- 2nd nite 130' atop Radio Beacon Mast over salt water. Drake B Linear (10w out). Hope to go again!!

JAC in TEN HOURS de OKIATP/Jarda!!! JAN24/25, 1925s/VK3CE, 2207z/GC3ZEM/p, 2212z/EP2BQ, 2259/ST2AY, O453/KV4P2, 0525z/PJ2VD. CONGRATULATIONS Jarda!! (QUICK JACs now stand -- KV4P2/8 hrs, OKIATP/10 Hrs, #1BB/18 Hrs, #W6APH/2 Hrs almost but not quite - misses one!! - ANY OTHERS???) Jarda now 64Gw/VS6DO Feb14. CQ/160 Test:: 227Q/85C. Scores '73/346-'74/700-'75/49,638!! VFB!! Hrd JAs/no QSO. Sez in OK, 1800-06Ks, even fvs GRN'4. Suggests we use HALF Pys, ie 1800.5, 1801.5 etc. Tnx!! G.L.

WHAT HAPPENED??? FORMER "GUNG-HO" 160 DXer W6GDO/WILLIE - NOW INACTIVE. Sez (May '75) "Fr sum reason unknown to me, Just cant seem to get on 160 anymore. Since closed my own biz, went wk fr W.E. dont seem to hv time, or interest. Even had to give up gg HAM meetings. Guess it's just when I get home fr fm shop where I'm asst Supvr lot women assemblers who solder & finish wire, power supplies, inverters Etc. I just eat, read paper or Mag then I'm ready for bed early, get up 4.45 AM, then "fire-up" a 250w B.C. stm 4 tesser array on 1570Ks and on my way bk to LORAIN to W.E.. W6PHK wks with me - he is plan 160 activity. I did wk K1PBB/MOBILE 73/74 season". -- Tnx Willie, we wondered - missed you, now UNDERSTAND! ----- FIASH!! Sep/'75 Willie wks sez "May get back this season!!" 75/76. GREAT!!! BCNU. (Wonder what has happened to W2IU/Sam???? - anyone knew??)

UP TO HIS OLD ('67-'69) TRICKS" W2NAA/Ed wld Chicago at NOON w/W9RIO "Old Buddy" to resume his "Daylight Dx" on 160, Ed wld (I believe) 800 Miles Daylight Path. (Anyone done better?). Sez his 1974 QSO with W1BB on SSB a "Collector'd Item" - BB on ssb so rarely. Ed ex ship's "SPARKS" yrs ago,

SHORT ITEMS ::::::::::: Wb2JUN/Tom hit his 1st 160 Contest, the ARRL/160 for 70,547Pts (31 Hrs) and CQ/160 Fr 42,640 (17 Hrs). NOT BAD!! CONGRATS. Moving to Wash DC, near W9SZR(LU5HFI).

THAT "JOKER" AGAIN masquerading as ST2AY wld quite few of us. Nw has used VS6DO to wk #5RTQ & Otrs. Sum guy w/QRP & Varian to make it QSB. Sounded like authentic DX!! WAHY/BAKER'S NEW VERT wkg vfb FEB Q'd 1st EU, G3SZA & All States except KL7!! Also HC, YV, KV4, VP9, KZ5 & Otrs. GREAT/CONGRATS!!

W5SUS/JOHN bn vy QRL wk & Not much 160. Bt Nw QRV w/new T4IC & VFB vert ant. Hrd JA3ONB twicall! G3XVY/PHIL active agn w/new gear & Vert 120' ant w/50 Radials and!! 1000' Beverage (Some lucky People!!) wld VS6DO CW & SSB!! CONGRATS! G6BQ/JACK OT FEB15 just got bk fm 2 wks in hospital - cng along fine - grt jack on Cld ur bk on air!! ALMOST A RECORD "QUICKIE" JAC by Wal/Wb6APH(W8LRL) during arrl/160, wld 5 cont in 2 hrs - could hv wld 6th by wkg KH6 BUT never thought about a RECORD until AFTERWARDS!! (Next time Wal on)!! Ja9UET/RAY has 30C/30qsl'd. GREAT fr mid-west ares - eh what????!! G3ZEM/BOB built himself new QTH w1 B on fm there 75/76 w/fb RxtTx ants. Hrd VS6DO twice, 1/2Hr each/no Q. QSO'd JA7AO/Tek REC30'73 for FIRST EVER ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ G/JA QSO!!!!

G3ZEM

...month after month - believe it or not!!
 ... (Not sure per Bull #2 last) Still.
 ... (And more) ... of ... w/ ... Test: "By FIRST 4 on
 ... & ... trying!! Congrats Nick QG1 ... ONYMA/KEK MARKET REEF hopes B on aga thi
 ... CHEERS!! CHRYOR/DREN has 26C NW. Uses Taseru FY101B w/Bipole at 30". (During CQ/160/JAN
 he operated GMDNR/A on top end fr 65,835 Pts!! Cdx Excellent!! w/ Heath SH102 & HS Transverter.
 KPAAN/FITZ "Faithful to 160 all summer but pickins mighty slim - altho every once in a while BZ
 would pop int many times DMJ POUNDING thru, BUT no activity! (BB noticedtt too!). Was hrd by 2L2BY,
 Wkd VK2AHK!! Is on 0200 & 0100z, 1803/5 Kc Daily. QSL 100%. Excellent FITZ on!! 60 CONTRIBS on
 160 by DON/W3IN - CONGRATS! & Nw ready fr "Special CQ Endorsement on DX AWARD. #60 was FYMA. VFB
 RALPH WINGOT CONTINUES TO ROLL UP THE DX!! MAR/APR include luscious ones like HB9QA, OKs, G3, etc.
 ZF1, FY7, HK4, KZ5, G6ABC, H4BGO/TG9, YL4, FY7, ANC, PY1, PZ1, GB, CD, JY9, VK5, HL7 etc. GREAT!! CONGRATS too to
 Ralph for most EXCELLENT job he does on 160 page for DXers Mag!! W2DEO/JIM hits 72C. (See W2CD/J
 John has 90 but vy 'modest' abt it!!) CONGRATS both!! OKWDO/Rodard WKO '74/'75 - JY9, 4W1, KV4,
 OH4, ST2, OD5, OH, VE, EF2, 4X4, KZ5, VOL, PY1, PT9, KP4, plus W123456. NICE SEASON!!! W4BFB/Gene Hits 80C
 w/TI9 & PUGYS - VFB/CONGRATS!! Really "Climbing" !! GEYLOW-457GV/GLENN expects H arrive 7/76,
 2330-0030 Daily 1800-1805. MAY15 hrd OKLATP, GD4BEG, HB9NL. Has wkd VSQDU !! FINE!! ASQW/MARK go
 going "Great-Guns" on 160. Almost WAS. Hopes to mount DXpedition to KEI!! Luck!! VE5XU/GORDY need
 only AF fr H4C. C'anyone help? (Also only needs AF for H4C via OSCAR!!) Has 75KV per line problem
 nearby bt wkd VK5BC, VK2AHK AUG. CONGRATS!! DJ3BJ/WILLI Nw 24/32C & H4C!! Inc VS6DO, CP1SD, ZG4AZ.
 VFB!! "See:: Eu entries officially allowed on 160 are DL, EI, all Gs, HB9 & B OR, ON OR, PA, ZB2, 4U1, 9NL.
 (NOT OZ) Taz!! OKLATP/JARDY 63/34C Nw. CQ/160 40,638 pts. Congrat!! HA/swi-JANOS JAN1-APR13,
 hrd W6BYB/VE1, W1BB, HGT-WZKHT, LL, PV, BP, HAA-W3AU, IE-W4DQ3, JFE-W54OR-W6BAPN-W9NTC. THX!! Vb8 K5JVF/
 DAVE moves fr OKIA to TEXAS - only has 60x120 let the & tte not gud!! (Fr 160) BUT best/luck Dave.
 He NEEDS TIGDX QSL info-Pee help!! Nw has own 2/way FM, Co.!! K2ONG/BILL experimentin' still w/
 diff ants & w/gud results - Nw 70C. Has NOVEL way of grounding outer end of each radial! VFB/Congra
 W6HYB/VE1-JOHN fr DEC7-May11 wkd 172 DX stns, 44C, 5Cont. FINE!! Has new 3/4 Wve Iav L w/48,
 135' Radials. Took VFB Summer trip COLO, VANCOUVER, NEV visiting W5SUS, VE5XU etc! Nice!! CH2BO/ILM
 sez Cdx gud this summer, but QRN - wkd PT9DM, 4X4NJ, JY9FOG. Looking fwd '75/'76 - BCNU!! CONGRAT
 W2DEO/JIM 71/71C and "Climbing" !! Luck. Q3HWL/Richard. (EILAP, VP2AGA, 8P6DR) hopes to travel agn
 hopefully some EXOTIC DX spot!! Hope sell VE1MX/HARLEY '74/'75 18 New C, Nw 50/34C. Hrd but edze
 raisesCX3BR (No one end!) Vy Vy QRL wk Nw, bt bk to 160 Soon!! CU! PA5HIP/JILLEN NOW has "DELTA-
 LOOP" on 160, and first results VERY GOOD!! (Put a 599 sig into BB recently). W5IAL's SEASONS
 RECORD 70C & 210 Diff DX stns!! NOW (Latest "Flash") 78/78C EXCELLENT!! (Like I sed - this stn has
 "Capability" !!) AND Performance!! W1BB was most pleased and honored to have FOG's "GRAND 'OLE
 MAN" Bill WINDLE -(Pete Kimble NOLGA's Dad)- visit W1BB "Fever" & Home QTH this summer - he LIKES
 the TOWER overlooking the ATLANTIC OCEAN, from which he could almost SEE home to G/land!!

WEST COAST ---- TransPACIFIC ---- FAR EAST

PW1/WD2(VR2)-(G3PCA/John) HYPERULIX TO BE ON 160 '75/'76 season sez: "Looking fwd to eprtg DX
fr such an exotic QTH!! QND JUN/JUL. Stop in USA to pick up DRAKE rig" GREAT!! Reger. U'l B popul
8th ANNUAL TransPACIFIC '75/'76 160 Meter "FIRST TIMER'S" DX Tests - (COULD BE Because of Low Participation,
and "General TransPACIFIC" DXing taking their place, these tests WERE omitted in 75/'76. However
"Some of the boys" thought they should be tried again, and so "WILL-DO" !! If results are favorable
and participation up, they will be continued, if NOT, then omitted after this year. They will be
held NOV15, DEC20, JAN10, FEB7th from 1330 to 1600 GMT Saturday Mornings.
W/Vbs 1800-1807, 21s 1875, VKs 1800-1805, JAs 1907.5-1912.5, KH6 1996-2000. Others 1800-1805, or the
"OX-WINDOW" 1825-1830. This is 5.30AM to 8.30AM Saturday Mornings, PACIFIC COAST time, and 10.30PM
to 1 AM Sunday Mornings Japanese Time. Similar to the TransATLANTIC tests, they are set to embrace
SUNRISE at the EASTERN end of the path. LORAN is quite a problem, especially with JAs but has been
coped with quite well with selective receivers. The new DRAKE R4C is excellent for LORAN. These tes
originated in 1967 after W1BB's visit to JA & talks with JA Boys who are very enthusiastic to 160
BOTH sides are doing so well with weekly DXing now however, that maybe TESTS unnecessary???? LUCK!
K6CHE/JACK WORKED 9LIT Jan29 07152z. GREAT!!/CONGRATS!! NOW trying for EU. A Resounding "FIRST-EVEN
KH6 to AFRICA. ---- and Jack as K6CAL/Palmyra-VR3AL/NORTHERN LINE ISL sez operation produced vy few
160 Q - "Trble seemed lack interest on W/Coast. Wkd all hrd - W6, 7, KH6 Etc". VFB Jack nevertheless.
Ext time w/ try get notices out earlier, fix up skeds etc. Keep up the good work Jack!!
KODAK ALASKA, "CASEY" KL7GCH got frozen in last winter, but nw making gud progress towards NW qth
& rig independent of power lines. Is QRV & hrs stns he cant wk/ many times AURORA bad! MAR23 5am
hrd VK2MD 6P.7pm DMJ 57 bt nil elsewhere except wkd 4 JAs. April Cdx lousy bt hrd W4 WTLNG & Q2L.
JA23YG/om-"TOK" MR voyaged JA to Chili, MS"DAMPNER HARB". Listened fr E Coast USA/160. Cdx poor &

SHE is most remarkable H&M/xyl I hv ever seen in my life!!" GREAT!! Used PT101 & Inv L.

VP2. Dominica/VP20 during APRIL FEB/CH/TEST & APRIL/CH/Phone/TEST, plus betweenlines. 160 QSOs: VP2ED/29, VP2E/41, VP2D/KZF1/32, VP2D/1/3. (ALL bands, both Isls 4206 QSO!!) Gang Vy appreciative this 160 effort. Tax Gen. See: "DOMINICA most beautiful QTH-on sea/southern Tip/Scotts Head. May 11 interesting (Some hair-raising!!) experiences. EXCELLENT fresh food-fish-fruits. Scuba diving Etc. \$25.00 fr 1yr VP2EEC License. Disappointed it ARRL increasing DICC to \$10.00, especially hard on some DXers!! A most interesting/rewarding trip !! QSL wk wuz VI HUY!!" CONGRATS KEN and TKX!!

LOOKING SOUTH

BASILIA PT2FRU/Laurice ACTIVE Interest started '74 - Hrd RI9J CQing! First, wld w/ Osvalde PT9DM. New own rig BG348/150w Horiz Dipole. Studying electronics. Hopes 400w soon. on 0100-0400 Sat. VFB!! CONGRATULATIONS PYIRO/ROIF 71/70G!! Last ones FFS,6X5,CT3,PTP,ZD7,ST2,9L1,FC4,PZ1,HG1,PT6,GD6,VP9, OH3/S,KZ5,VS6DO!! "WAS" is at 45 states - needs MW7,NEV,SD,ND, New/Mexico! Anyone help??!! CONGRATS

ENTREPID DIPEDITIONER PY7YS/JOE (PY6YS & PU6YS) plans 160 operation fr TRINIDADE, & ST PETER/ST PAUL ROCKS, "Rocas Atol" this season. WONDERFUL & Tax - bean Joe. (Tax Gen \$48RB interesting Joe!!) TRANSEQUATORIAL TESTS de EICN PADDY: "PyIRO major publicity effort (& Paddy wrote many stas). Activiti high at beginning, but tailed off becu poor cenz. 1973 fr example, Paddy wld 2P9AY 50Q, but this yr just once. Actives: 4X4NJ,JY9FOG,EP2BQ,PYIRO,PT9DM,PT2FRU,CX3BH,VP8NP,KV4FZ,LU6SF,PJ2VD,VK1MKVY! Think we need sunspots like other bands!! Anxious fr NOV & Btr Comdx! Happy season" - Tax Paddy.

NOTES ON GO/WX/160 ANNUAL CONTEST!!!!

de W1BB/Sten: VFB as usual. First nice poorer. Second excellent some sects. DX Favored N.Eu institutions to NA/SA. - AF/Asia to NA poor. MUCH activity. "Had a Ball" myself. 188Q,26G,51mult, 64,064 Score. New C OHXKZ/6, a happy surprise. 43 States - "WAS" minus 7!! de W5RTQ/Earl: "Best ever edz- Eu fantastic, best EVER hrd/wld 11 Eu. Cdx S.A.P not good. Missed JA3ONB otrs were alg. I hv always suspected 'skip-zones' certain areas such as VA wkg Eu & Mass cant hear. (Yes!!). My 316Q 70M,21C, 59,920Score. VFB/Congrats!! de W6BYB/VEL-JOHN: "166Q-18C-59M-37052P. Two new G - sure had FUN, no QRM, bren sed thru 2 nites in btr cdx than expected. New 27C total! Excellent!!

de VOLKE/MIKE "Pretty gud. Gdx fr stinks to Excellent, a real "See/Saw". Excellent to EU. 3 New ones OHXKZ/6,VP9,XV1. 23C Total-Cheers!! de W6WFL/JIM: "2nd nitr gud! Hrd OM,GC, a bt curint bt break thru unbelievable pile-ups! JA band loaded w/ sunrise. JA3ONB best w/many weak ones. Wld PY,HG1,HK4,KP4,KH6,YV1,VP9,KZ5. Hw 55G!! FB!! de EP2BQ/HARK: "Fri Bus but Weak/QSB. 0130 Hs by briefly. 1BB,4BNB,QCN & PJ2VD/No Q. -- Sat/Sunset de JA/VK like last yr. 2140 wld PYIRO-2200 JAs is & wld JA3AA,JR,3CYZ. Then 0345 suddenly Q PJ2VD/New One. Struggle to wk EUs. Generally disappointed TEST but QRV Hxt Yr!! FINE!! de G3JEN/P-BOB w/G3XVY/Phil: Racked up 330Q,8500CP.WOW!!!

de JY9FOG/RAY (FOC 554) w/FT101B wld 4X4NJ,EP2BQ,ST2AY,DJ5PN,Muni OKs,G3BNP/a,OH2BO,OH3VV, DL7JA,GMJYCH,DJ9ED,DJ6TK,. Hrd Ws 0400 approx but couldnt wk. W1BB 569 fr hour."One day SNIP"? Congrats Ray - wri you have left JY9FOG for good!! Nice "Exit" however. de G3SVL/CHRIS: "KIPEN, Wb8APH,Wb8LJI Most consistent sigs. Like idea JAs giving QSL Fy. How deen W5RTQ get his sig out of Texas so well??(See QST Oct '75 p22!!) - DX-cINDOW always clear Hr. If anyone wants recording of their sigs, write me, willDO!! Wld TI2,YY1,OH2,4L4,EP2,OJ6,9L1,KZ5,KP4,W123458 & Otrs". VY GUD!!

MISCELLANEOUS

REPORT ON "The CRUD-O-JECT" mfd by H.E. ELECTRONICS #1VV/BILL, PO Box 145 #eathersfield Conn 06109 a \$25.00(Approx) TOROID, Externally Connected CW AUDIO FILTER, per QST May '74 P23 & FEB '75 p50also See "To eliminate continuous random unwanted disturbances, audio hum, hiss, etc from reaching operators ears, headset or speaker" Has been in use at W1BB for 1 1/2 yrs. -- It IS quite a "Gizmo" - at times invaluable in fighting local noises. NOT a "Cure-All" for copying weak signals through anything, but it really helps a LOT - especially with sigs of moderate strength. Does a pretty good job on static!! Have been able to copy and work some 160 DX signals with it that I couldnt without it. A real help!! Something you dont use ALL the time, but switch it in when you feel you need it. And it works!! (SSB Model available for abt \$30.00 - hv never tried one on SSB - no comments).

160 METER "WAGs" The following, in order, hv "Made it" since last listing. #52-Wb8APH May1 '74-K6UA, PYIDVG(PYIRO)-524RL-W2DEO-Jas,3AA,2URO,3ONB,7NI,2GQO-OK1FCW,GW4AGG,G3SZA,DK3BJ,9L1JT-JAs,6NCE,3FNP, 5DQH-GW3UCB BAPR75 Last & No.72. Of special note Wb8APH/Wal (W8LRL) made "FIRST-EVER" 160/ssb/WAC!!

160 METER READING MATERIAL See '73 Mag JUN '75 p43 "An intimate look at 160 meters" By "Randy"- W2BTU/WalJJV. EXCELLENT!! --- Also Oct QST for OKIATP/Jarda's story about his Inv VEE HRAH!! Beam!! FEB 9 Transatlantic TEST REPORT de swl/H45-153 (HA5JK). Hrd many EUs but only VE1BC2 "Across". Tax faithful coverage James oz - best luck this seasons 160/swl. Your reports EXCILLFNT/Interesting.

ABBREVIATIONS USED HEREIN:: C-country, Q-QSO,QSOs,QSO'd, SR-sunrise, SS-sunset, S-state,states. N-multiplier, L-contest score in 1000s points, P-points total score, H559-his ret, W579-hy ret

